

C O P Y of attached illegible letter

January 18th, 1913.

Mr. Hugh Smith,

Acting Commissioner.

Dear Sir:

Your letter came to-day, the 18th of January, and I note that the Department of Commerce and Labor, Bureau of Fisheries, would like to have a report of my fisheries operations during 1912. I never received a blank to fill out for either 1911 or 1912. What is the cause? I do not know, although I gave a report to the Department. Also, I received a little handbook of all reports going in to said Department till the last three years but none has reached me since although they reach their destination 20 miles from here, like Shakan Cannery. I give you my report as soon as I can but I don't know if same will reach you in time. I hope it does. We are frozen in for the last 10 days and don't know how long it will last. Your notice came to my hands through a trapper who had some traps in the neighborhood of De^weyville.

REPORT.

I started to fish for red salmon June 9th, 1912, with two boats, one boat with a purse seine and five men for a crew and one gill net boat and two men for a crew. The seine boat stopped on June 28th on ac-

count of ~~two~~²⁰ little fish. On August 21st got a new crew which fished until the 22nd of the same month.

Total expense for labor, \$890.

Total red salmon caught, 11215, worth 10¢ apiece, sold mostly to Klawack cannery.

I caught about 4500 humpback. I never made a haul for them because there was only a few not worth fishing for. The 4500 mentioned above were caught together with the red salmon.

I caught 5347 cohoes. Most all sold for 10¢ apiece to Klawack cannery and a few to Kaheen cannery put up in salt (45 barrels).

9 bbls. of red salmon worth \$108.

12 " " humpbacks' bellies, \$210.

22 " " " backs, \$154.

All fishing was done at Saa Kaar.

I hope said report will do.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Fred Brockman.

(Seweyville, via
Shakam, Alaska.)